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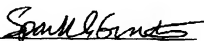
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Examiner: Johnston, Phillip A.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified
patent application as follows:

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similarly patentable over Colbert, not only by virtue of their dependency from patentable independent claims, respectively, but also by virtue of the additional features of the invention they define. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

11. Formal Matters and Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-36, all the claims presently pending in the application, are potentially distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, no new matter is being added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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